

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

PRESENT: David Hurley, James Gage, Walter Moody, Glenn Eberly, Jesse Amsel,
and Shawn Costello

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: Reanna Goodreau, Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Costello called the Ellington Conservation Commission meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of the Build Out Report (transmittal from the First Selectman)

Commissioner Hurley briefly reviewed the Build Out Report with the other commissioners. He noted that there were many recommendations made, which included updating the zoning regulations, updating the Plan of Conservation & Development, and initiating special studies areas. The commission discussed the importance of spending some money today to update regulations, etc. in order to save money in the future by investing in planning.

MOVED (HURLEY), SECONDED (EBERLY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BUILD OUT REPORT & TO STRONGLY URGE THAT SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS BE PROVIDED FOR UPDATING ZONING REGULATIONS & SPECIAL INITIATIVES RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT.

2. Commission workshop on Open Space Plan

The commission reviewed the draft open space plan and decided that it would be most efficient if the members review the draft on their own and e-mail comments to the Town Planner. R. Goodreau explained that Matt Davis had spent the entire day working on the draft. Based on the commission's desire to complete the draft plan, they directed staff to send a letter from the commission to the First Selectman requesting that other special projects be put on hold until the open space plan is complete.

BY CONSENSUS, THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO HAVE THE CHAIRMAN WRITE A LETTER TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN REQUESTING THAT HE DEFER OTHER SPECIAL PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS UNTIL THE DRAFT OPEN SPACE PLAN IS COMPLETED.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of August 31, 2004 meeting minutes

MOVED (MOODY), SECONDED (HURLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 31, 2004 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS: 1) UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE—"OFFERED" SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH "SOUGHT" & 2) UNDER ADJOURNMENT—MOODY SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN, NOT AMSEL.

2. Correspondence:
 - a. Letter to Dennis Milanovich from State of Connecticut DEP, dated 8/26/04
 - b. Memo to Dennis Milanovich from Matt Davis, dated 9/8/04
 - c. Memo to Dennis Milanovich from Matt Davis, dated 9/13/04
 - d. Letter to Board of Selectmen from Ken LaForge, dated 9/20/04
 - e. Office Hours Report & Memo, dated 9/13/04
 - f. Design Review Board Minutes & Agenda, received 9/14/04
 - g. The Habitat, Summer 2004

RECEIPT NOTED.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (AMSEL), SECONDED (EBERLY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Reanna Goodreau
Recording Secretary